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UNITED NATIONS TO HOLD CONFERENCE ON NAMIBIA IN CHICAGO

The American Committee on Africa announced today that the United Nations Council for Namibia will hold the fourth and final in a series of international conferences on Namibia here in Chicago from July 23rd to July 25th.

The Chicago Conference will be attended by the President of the U.N. Council for Namibia, Ambassador Peter D. Zuze of Zambia and two members of the Council, Ambassadors Aneesuddin Ahmed of Pakistan and Luis Alberto Barrero-Stahll of Mexico.

U.S. Senator Paul Simon, chair of the Senate Sub-committee on Africa, Congressman Mervyn Dymally, chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and Congressman Charles Hayes of Chicago will also play major roles on the Conference agenda.

Beginning in the Spring of 1987, similar conferences under U.N. auspices have been held in London (England), Bonn (West Germany) and Tokyo (Japan), in order to focus worldwide attention to South Africa's continuing occupation of Namibia. The International Court of Justice and UN Security Council Resolutions dating back to 1971 have declared the occupation to be illegal. In 1978, the Security Council adopted Resolution 435 which called for establishing a process of transition to Namibia's full independence. South Africa continues to violate the agreement through its military presence and extension of the apartheid system to Namibia.

Other international participants scheduled to appear over the three days of the conference include Hidipo Hamutenya, Secretary for Information and Publicity of SWAPO, Aaron Shihepo, Deputy Secretary of Foreign Affairs of SWAPO and Barnabas Tjizu, Chairman of the National Union of Namibian Workers.

The conference is open to the general public. For further information call 899-1800.